We Need JOY!

"Joy to the World" is a popular Christmas carol with words by Isaac Watts. As of the late 20th century, "Joy to the World" was one of the most-published Christmas hymns in North America. The song was first published in 1719 in Watts' collection The Psalms of David. This year we celebrate the 300th birthday of this beloved song.

We will use “Joy to the World” as our theme for the December Advent sermon series. No one will argue we need Joy to fill our hearts, churches, community and world. Bring your family and friends to church as we fill our Christmas Season with Joyful music, hymns, relationships and worship.

Remembering Our Saints
On Friday, Nov. 1 we honor All Saints Day, a day to remember the faithful church members who have passed on before us. Below are the members we have lost since our last All Saints Day. We celebrate their love for Rolling Hills and honor their legacy.

Peggy Beckingham
Lucille Kemper
Virginia Reed
Fenton Dietz
Dick Ladd
Nancy Rose
Howard Fenton
Ruth Lang
Peter Sikkel
Janet Gottsch
Aaron Martin
Herb Skillman
Beulah Jannsen
Bob Mabes
Jan Munger
Lee Stevenson
Peggy Jones
Marialice Patterson

Psalm 98

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.

Read through the pages of your inSpire for more info on holiday events, our Christmas Offering and more!
Rolling Hills is partnering with the Kansas City Indian Center to bring you two community events this month.

**Wednesday, Nov. 6**
Culture Night Potluck at KC Indian Center
Meet at RHPC at 5:15 p.m.
Event at 6:00 p.m. *Bring a dish to share.*

**Saturday, Nov. 16**
Indian Taco Dinner and Movie at RHPC
Meal at 5:00 p.m. Movie: *Cherokee Word for Water* starring Moses Brings Plenty at 6:30 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**
Benefitting the Kansas City Indian Center, Village Food Pantry & Operation Breakthrough

The annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is in full swing! Once again, we are supporting the Kansas City Indian Center, The Village Food Pantry and Operation Breakthrough. Food bags will be collected through November 10. Volunteers are needed on Monday, Nov. 4 and 11 to sort and deliver food. Please reach out to the church office to volunteer.

**NEW FACES AT ROLLING HILLS**

**Welcome New Members**
Dennis & Laurie McCormack
Anne & Gerry Broshar

**New Staff Member - Welcome Dionne!**
Last month we welcomed our new Minister of Congregational Care, Pastor Dionne T. Boyice.

Dionne graduated from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, KS in 2018 with a Master of Divinity degree and began her journey towards a Doctor of Ministry degree with an emphasis on Creative Leadership, Pastoral Care and LGBTQ Advocacy, Wholeness and Spiritual Supports in January 2019.

Dionne is also a Social Worker by trade and has worked in the Mental Health field for over 29 years. Dionne worked as a hospital/hospice Chaplain around the Kansas City area for over 10 years.

A native of Kansas City, KS, Dionne is married and has a pet turtle! She also enjoys interior design, landscaping and traveling.

You can reach Dionne at dionne@rollinghillskc.org or come to the next Kaleidoscope event on Wednesday, Nov. 13 and meet her!
In southern Mexico, lies the town of Sitpach, a small suburb in Merida City. The average family is low-income, making less than $250 a month. These financial hardships often result in harsh family environments: alcoholism and broken relationships. In this small, working-class town, children are having to grow up too fast and many times aren't getting an adequate education.

The children and families of this community need an education that empowers them to be faithful in their community; allows them to dream big, and gives them the tools to break the unhealthy cycle they have been born into.

Rolling Hills is proud to announce that our 2019 Christmas Offering will be dedicated to the construction of a school in this community. We will work with longtime missionaries Don and Martha Wehmeyer and the congregation of Siguedores de Cristo. Since 2010 this Presbyterian Mission at Sitpach has been working with the community to make significant changes in the lives of the children and families who live there.

In 2013 the congregation began working with the support of another PCUSA church to start building a school. Rolling Hills will become part of this partnership as we create a team to help build the school and give hope to this community.

Early plans for this school include a low student-teacher ratio and a focus on providing the children with a global view of the world.

Rolling Hills is excited to partner with these congregations and work to make an everlasting impact on the children and families in Sitpach. In January of 2020, 10 Rolling Hills members will travel to Sitpach to offer warm greetings, fellowship and their time and talents as they work to build this school.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this year's Christmas Offering and to the children and families of Sitpach.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela
Advent Schedule

Dec. 1 (First Sunday of Advent)
Joy to the World:
The Lord is Here!

Dec. 8 (Second Sunday of Advent)
Joy to the World:
The Savior Reigns

Dec. 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)
Joy to the World:
No more let sins and sorrow win
the day! Choir Cantata

Dec. 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
Joy to the World:
Christmas is about Truth
and Grace!

Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 22
Jazz Candlelight
5 PM in the Fireside Room

Tuesday, December 24
3, 7 & 9 PM Traditional
5 PM Family
Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, Nov. 24
9:30 AM ONE WORSHIP

Join us for one of Rolling Hills' most favorite traditions! We will have one worship service at 9:30 a.m. followed by activities including: decorating our church, wrapping gifts, crafts and a chili contest. The congregation will vote for the best vegetarian and non-vegetarian chili and the lucky winners will receive a gift certificate to Penzeys Spices in Overland Park. Sign ups for chili will be available in the Narthex.

We are currently collecting gifts for the children of the Kansas City Indian Center and men of Veterans's Community Project. A wishlist is available on the back of your inSpire. The gifts will be wrapped during Hanging of the Greens, so please drop them off in the Church Narthex ahead of the event.

Donna Tucker Holiday Cabaret - Thursday, Dec. 5

Get in the holiday spirit with us on Thursday, Dec. 5 for a Holiday Cabaret with Donna Tucker and friends. Donna will be joined by Paul Smith, piano; Alex Toepfer, saxophone; Steve Rigazzi, bass; Rod Fleeman, guitar; Daniel McDill, drums; Juliet Pierce, flute; Carol Robinson, vocalist and Bill Hetrick, guitar. It's a great way to kick off the holiday season, so sign up now in the Church office.

A $10 donation per person will be collected at the door.

Caroling - Sunday, Dec. 8

Join your Rolling Hills Church Family immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service to go caroling! We'll meet in C&D for a quick lunch and then visit our members who are in nearby assisted living centers.

The Kansas City Chorale's Ceremony of Carols - Friday, Dec. 13

As holiday time approaches, Grammy Award-winning Charles Bruffy and the Chorale presents one of Benjamin Britten’s most accessible and delightful works. Based on medieval carols (and sung in Middle English, their original 16th century language), the Ceremony of Carols is performed with a lush harp accompaniment. Also on tap for our classical holiday concerts will be Vaughan Williams’ Fantasia on Christmas Carols, a choral tapestry of English carols and a "fantasia" in the truest sense. Rolling Hills members receive a special discount ticketed price of $10. You must purchase tickets online at: https://kansas-city-chorale.ticketbud.com/rollinghills

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, Dec. 14

He's back in town and super hungry! Join Santa for pancakes and photos at Rolling Hills. This is a free event, but please bring an unwrapped toy for the children of Amethyst Place. RSVP to bit.ly/RHCSANTA

RH Preschool Program - Wednesday, Dec. 18 & Thursday, Dec. 19

Children in our Preschool, Pre-K and Transitional classes will perform holiday songs for family and friends at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception for adults in the Narthex following the performance.
This advent season children will learn how to substitute consumption with compassion during Sunday School.

Nov. 17: Parent presentation at 10:15 AM in rooms C&D
Nov. 24: All Church Family Advent, 9:30 AM ONE worship and 10:30 AM Hanging of the Greens activities
Dec. 1 - Dec. 29: Children Sunday School lessons at 10:30 AM (11/24 at 9:30 AM)

4th and 5th grade will have a wacky gift exchange on Dec. 15th from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring a wrapped present for either boy or girl that is $5.00 or under.

Q&A with Santa Breakfast Volunteer Mark Bare

What's your role with Santa Breakfast?
Pitching in wherever I am needed. Last year I helped with set-up and served drinks.

Now that your kids are grown, why do you volunteer for this event?
It’s an opportunity to experience the excitement of Christmas through the eyes of children. I have volunteered for the past two years and will again this year.

What’s your favorite part?
Seeing families make memories in the church.

Why should others volunteer?
This is a really fun way to be involved and get into the Christmas spirit.

Thanks for volunteering, Mark!

Cosby Fulton celebrates 33 years at Rolling Hills Preschool!

In 1986 Cosby Fulton was asked by a friend to fill in for a preschool teacher at Rolling Hills. One day turned into two and then it was 33 years later. This past summer, she underwent two knee replacement surgeries but never thought about taking a break from teaching.

"I love it here," she says. "The children, the parents, the Christian atmosphere, it's all wonderful."

So wonderful in fact, that she's shared 33 years of memories here with several of her family members. In over three decades, she has taught alongside her sister, her daughter, her three nieces and her granddaughter. Cosby's children have all gone through the Rolling Hills program, as well as her four grandchildren.

"This place is home," she says.

We couldn't have said it better. Thank you for loving Rolling Hills' children for 33 years!
3: Tie dye & college care packages
   5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

10: Jr High Progressive Lunch
   11:30 a.m.

15-17: Sr High Retreat, Parkville, MO

17: Middle School Apex Climbing Gym
   11:30 a.m.

1: Movie night
   5:30-8:00 p.m.

8: Caroling after church
   Senior High Progressive Dinner that evening

15: "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” movie
   Details TBD

Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who cooked, ate, set up and cleaned up for our pancake fundraiser. We brought in nearly $1,800 to help fund our service trip next year!

Middle School Retreat

Last month our middle schoolers went on an overnight retreat in Parkville. They participated in small group time learning about relationships, hiked around camp, made a campfire and ate S'mores and Brown Bears.

Rolling Hills kids who attended the retreat were Paul White, Libby Hopkins, Carsen Faflick, Miles Flint, Cameron Bigler, Molly Gibbons, Otto Ashford, Brody Featherston, Taylor Ramey and Lindyn Fatula.

Huge thank you to our volunteers: Kelly Faflick, Gabe Hopkins, Bob Featherston and Beth Gibbons!

"It was a really good experience, and I feel closer to my friends. We got to learn about how meaningful it is to be in a group together. It's healthy for us to see each other more often."

Paul White, 7th grade
KANSAS CITY INDIAN CENTER  
(requested gifts for boys and girls ages 13-17)

Board games  
Card games  
Beauty items for girls  
(chapstick sets, bath bombs, hair/nail sets)  
Art supplies  
Gift cards (Target, Wal-Mart)  
Blankets/pillows  
Baseball/football trading cards  
Sports items  
*these are just some ideas!

VETERANS COMMUNITY PROJECT  
(men)

Stocking caps  
Gloves  
Socks  
Hand/feet warmers  
Gift cards to Dollar Tree, Aldi, Target or Walmart